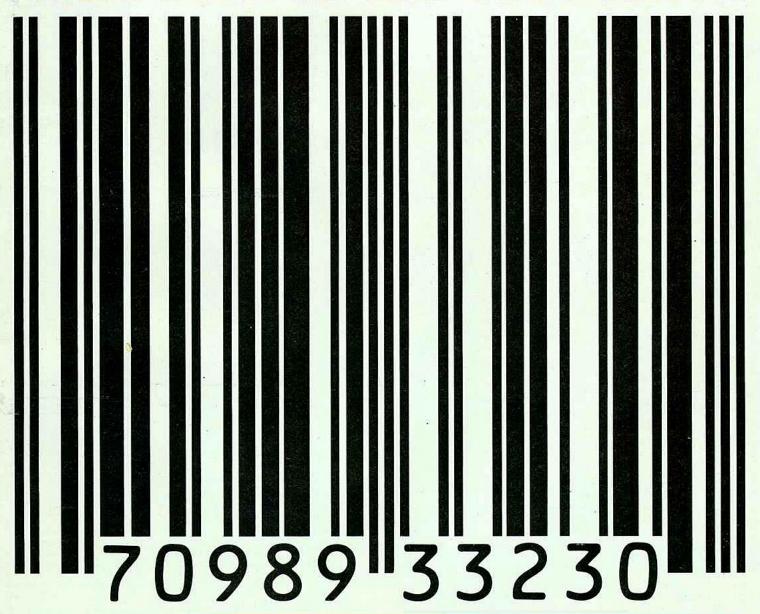


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PERSONAL THANKS

I am currently appearing as the son, Lionel Jefferson, on the television series THE JEFFERSONS, Recently, a friend gave me a copy of the June, 1977, issue of MAD which contained a brilliant and truthful statement of not only THE JEF-FERSONS, but all predominately Black situation comedies. I would like to take this time to personally thank you for what I consider an overdue peak and criticism of the glossy and false facade of those weekly episodes, and for revealing the white-wash jobs currently being done by all of those White producers, writers and directors who have their views and attitudes of how the Black man and family unit should be exhibited to America through the powerful media of television. I must confess that in the past I have too often found myself only laughing at your cartoons instead of reading and digesting all of the nuances which are clearly stated. No more!

Damon Evans THE JEFFERSONS Los Angeles, Calif.

DON MARTIN HEAD LINES

Don Martin's "Late One Afternoon In South Dakota" was very heady stuff! John Lee Willingboro, N.J.

I laughed my head off reading "Late One Afternoon In South Dakota". I wonder if Lincoln did the same?

John Copsey Winnipeg, Man. Canada

MISHAPS OF THE FUTURE

"Mishaps Of The Future" was a mishap of the present!

Ashley Schauer Hebron, N.D.

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STAR ROARS

The movie "Star Wars" is considered the greatest action and adventure epic of its time. It was wholesome, with expensive suspended models blown to bits, a handsome hero, a plucky heroine, an even more handsome mercenary, a devilish villain, a pair of androids; all with no sexual innuendoes. (Just a sloppy kiss of gratitude!) Your interpretation of this "epic" brought some viable answers to this mechanical Aesop fable. Thanks, guys!

Meriannea Köbenhov Mountain View, Calif,

Congratulations on the many nice touches of "Star Roars". The shadowing, texture, and overall quality of the artwork combined to carry off the lampoon with a believable continuity. Sly inclusions, like the use of George Lucas as "the man from the electric company", combined to make a number of the panels classic.

Martin F. Barnard Wichita, Kansas

"Star Roars" was a definite mock to "Star Wars", but the movie was almost as bad.

Mike Brandolino Trenton, N.J.

"Star Roars" was great, fabulous, far out. Knowing you guys as I do, I'm sure you didn't planet that way. Incidentally, I've been spaced out on MAD since issue #32, 1958. No wonder I'm 29 and still unmarried!

> Paul E. Martin Freeport, N.Y.

I took one Luke at "Star Roars" and almost flipped my Wookiees!

Chris Doyle Ellicott City, Md.

Beedeep! Tweet! Boop! (Translation)
"Star Roars" was out of this world!

Steve Becker Brooklyn, N.Y.

IF CELEBRITIES ANSWERED FAN MAIL

Your article "If Celebrities Answered Their Own Fan Mail" was realistic except for one letter. Shouldn't the letter from Johnny Carson have been written by a guest host?

> Linda Pence North Huntingdon, Pa.

Your "If Celebrities Answered Their Own Fan Mail" made me stamp with rage when I found out you didn't do a letter from Farrah!

> Mark Tatulli Willingboro, N.J.

In your "If Celebrities Answered Their Own Fan Mail", did Bing Crosby use a ghost writer?

Dennis Besanceney Brentwood, N.Y.

Only a deadhead couldn't figure out that MAD went to press before he died!—Ed.

"Star Roars" was beautifully starcastic!
Monica L. Smith
Bakersfield, Calif,

Your rendition of "Star Wars" was a real cosmic connection. Your best movie satire . . . ever!

> Debra Alexanian Ann Arbor, Mich.

"Star Roars" sent me into orbit!
Bill Burg
Sacramento, Calif.

I hope Obi-Wan Kenobi sticks a light sabre up your nuclear reactor shaft!

Mike Bender Pasadena, Texas

Harry North's freaked-out and outfreaked air terminal bar scene may not be so outlandish. Seems I've encountered some of the same creatures at "The Bottom Of The Barrel", in Union City, New Jersey, WE ARE NOT ALONE!

> Marc Cosgrove Jersey City, N.J.

Larry Siegel and Dick De Bartolo took a great movie and moved it vertically into a new zodiactical plane and brought it horizontally into a new zionisphere. How come you didn't show Zader being blasted?

Dan Hite LaPalma, Calif.

Like the original movie, we're saving him for "Star Roars II"—Ed.

May the farce be with you!

Anthony Scavelli Bronx, N.Y.

May the F=MA be with you!

Mark Hladik
Salt Lake City, Utah

HE'S COMPANY

In "He's Company", Torres and Kogen took a totally funny show and made it funnier, "Tacky" should win a Femmy Award"!

Gregg Solomon Plainview, N.Y.

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Thanks to all the writers and artists of MAD who have caused we Australians to laugh at the American way of life and who have made us fervently say to ourselves, "Thank God, we're not American!"

Marg McCafferty Victoria, Australia

Yeah? Well, thank God we don't have to walk upside down!—Ed.

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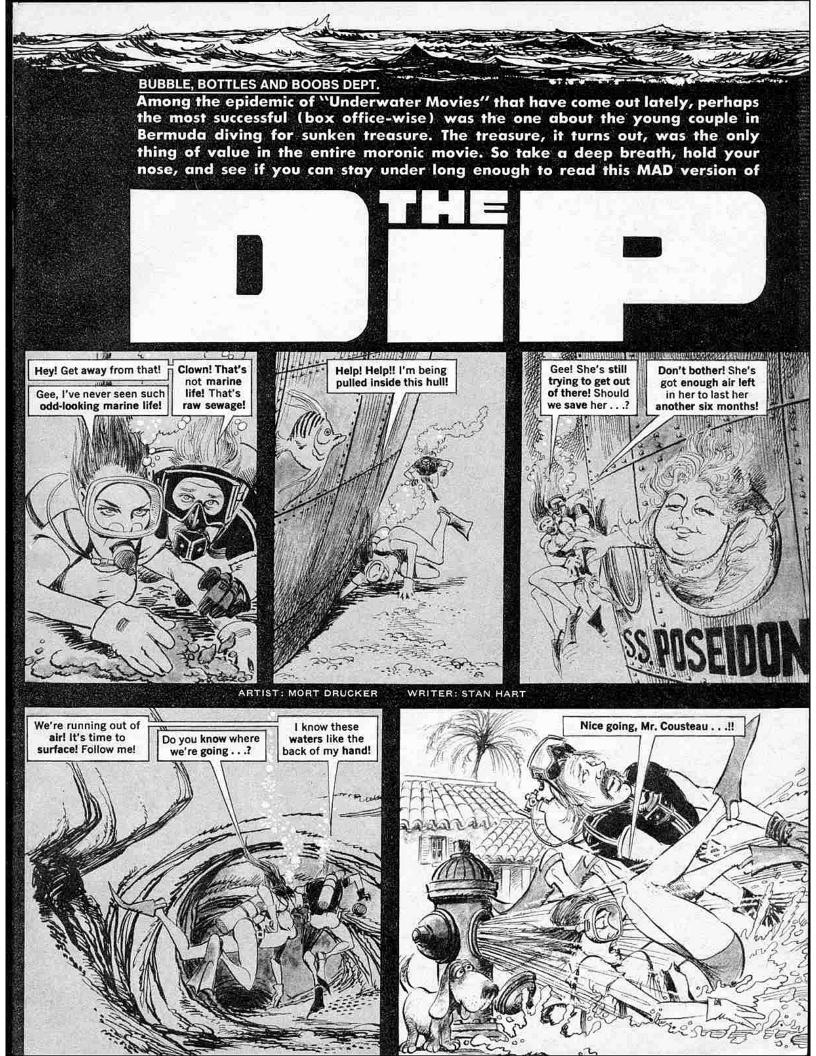
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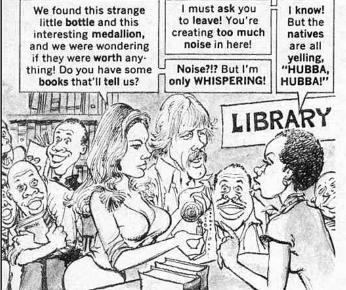
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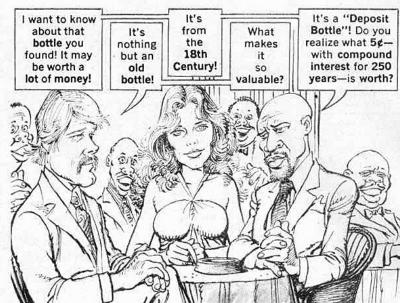


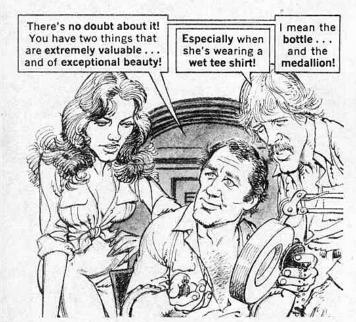


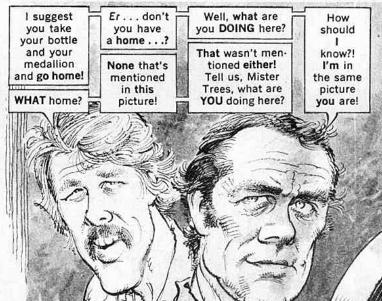


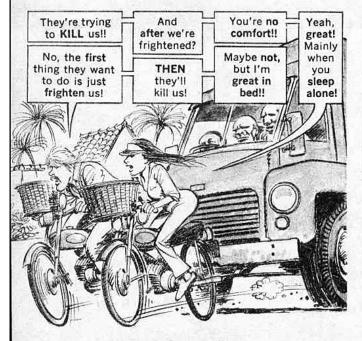
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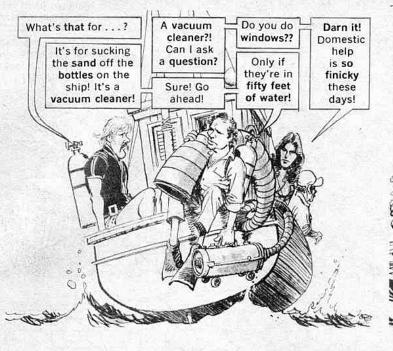


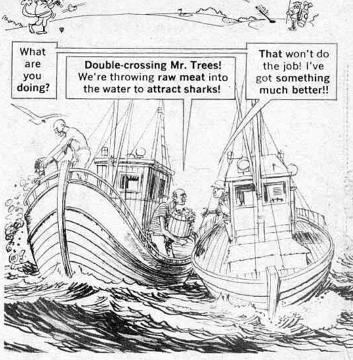








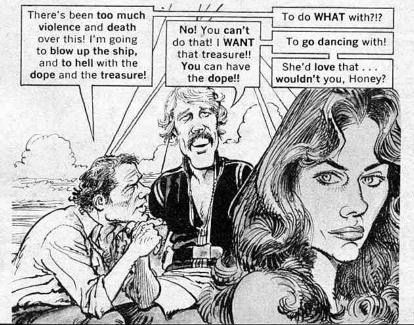
























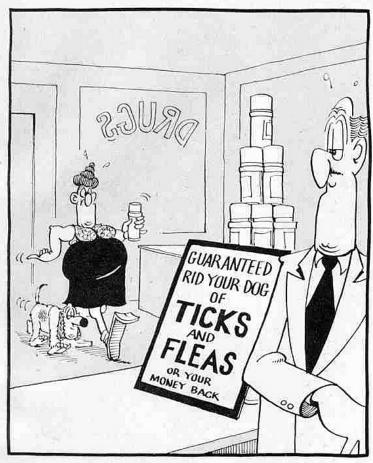






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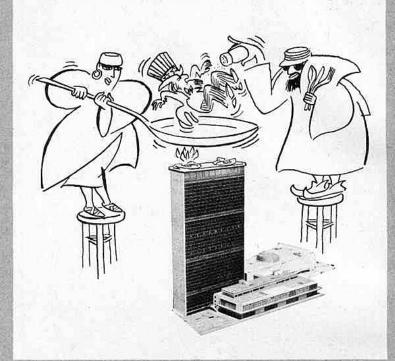




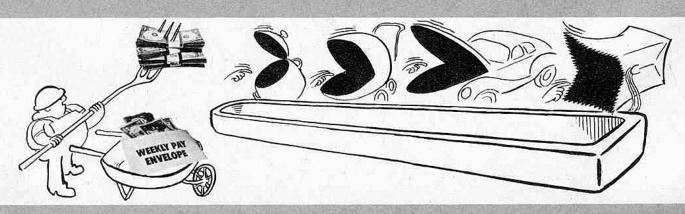
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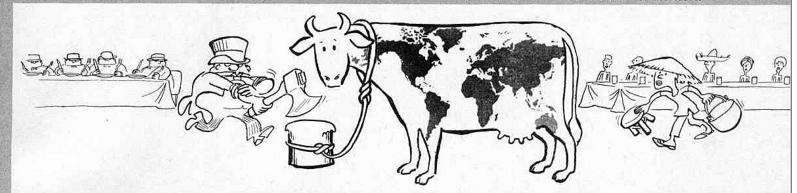


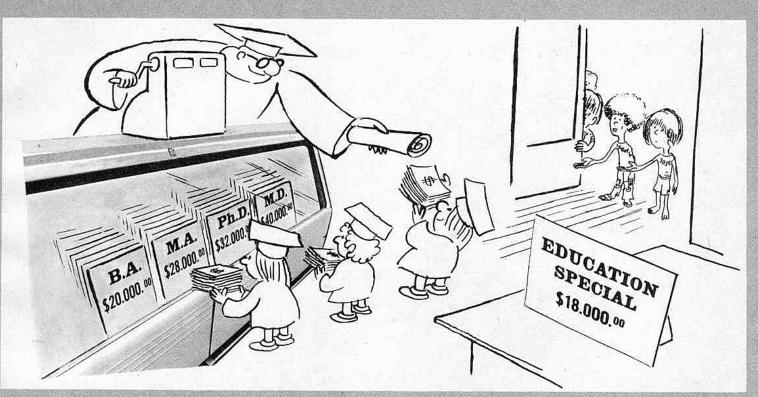




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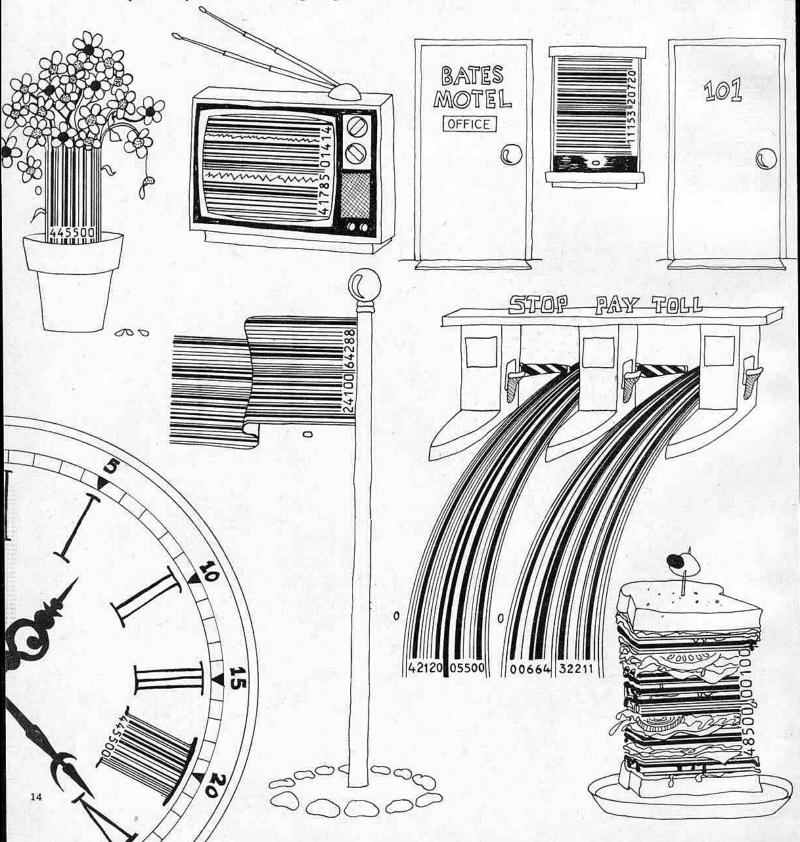
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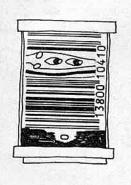
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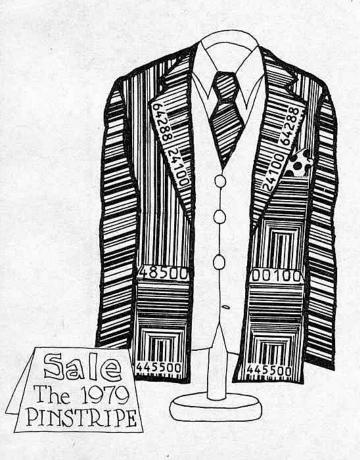


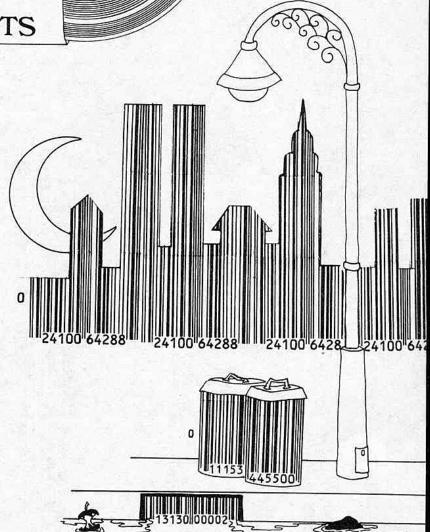
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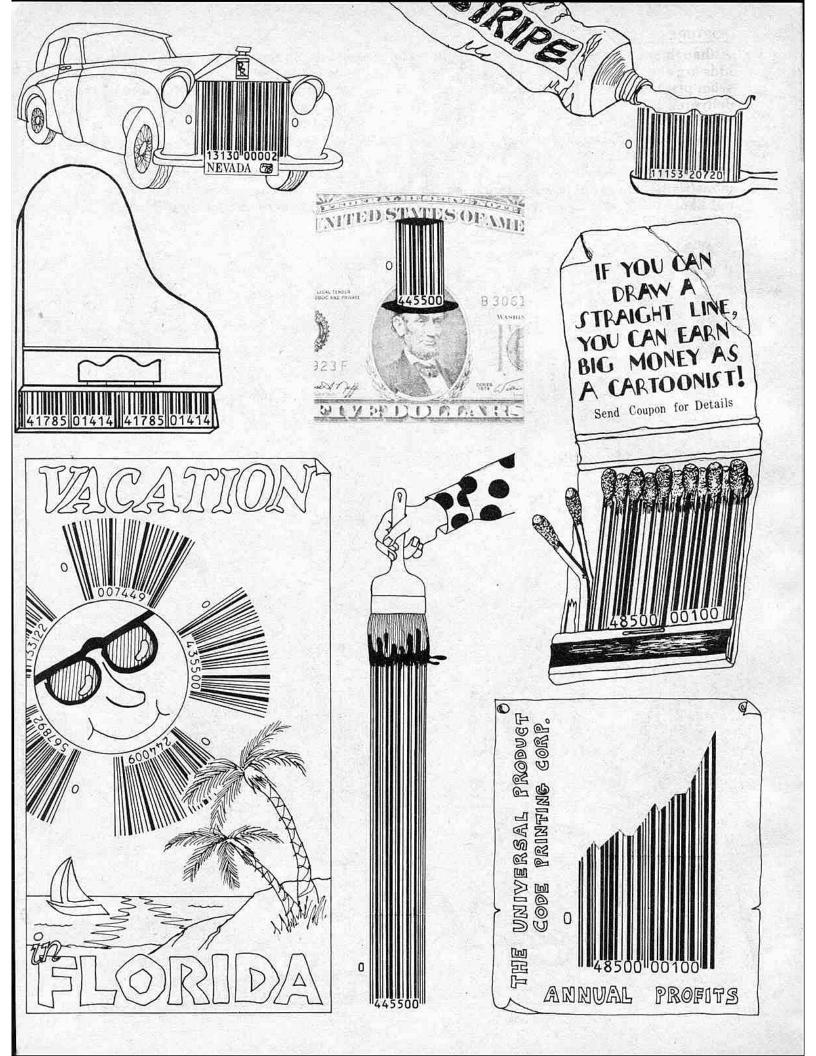
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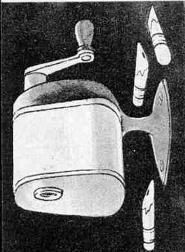




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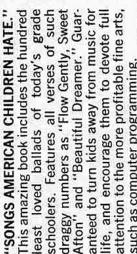
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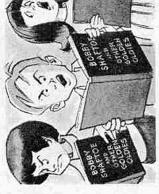


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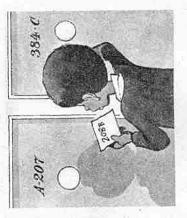
26465—SMUDGY MIMEO \$47.50

CLEVERLY REARRANGED CLASSROOM NUMBERS can induce panicky confusion among evenyour coolest upperclassmen. We offer complete sets of handsome brass numerals, together with instructions for switching them around on your doors in a zany new sequence each semester. A great way to increase absenteeism in crowded schools by preventing students from finding their assigned

classes.
33917—CLASSY BRASSY CLASSROOM
NUMBERS. \$42 per 10

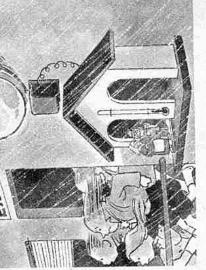






MENT WITH ELECTRIC BELL ATTACHMENT automatically sounds alarm for school fire drill whenever temperature drops to zero or wind reaches 40 M.P.H. Completely eliminates risk of staging drills on nice warm days when children might actually enjoy going outdoors.

5578—CLANG-A-MATIC, PNEUMO-NIA-MATIC FIRE DRILLTIMER \$49.95



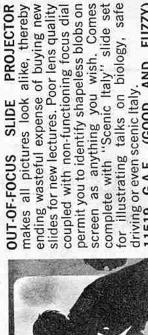
INFERIOR SHOP TOOLS doom junior high school woodworking projects to botched up disaster from the word go. Helps youngsters learn to accept the agony of defeat as they struggle in vain to make bookends, etc. Tool defects are scarcely noticeable, causing kids to accept teacher's judgment that their own klutziness is responsible for lousy re-

33014—CROOKED TOOTH SAW \$8.50 33015—NICKED BLADE PLANE \$7.75



WEIRDLY MARKED LAB EQUIPMENT helps turn even the simplest chemistry experiment into a student's nightmare. These test tubes were picked up cheap in a small European country that still uses such quaint measurements as hogsheads, gills and pennyweights. Impossibility of translating lab results into commonly used terms enables teachers to

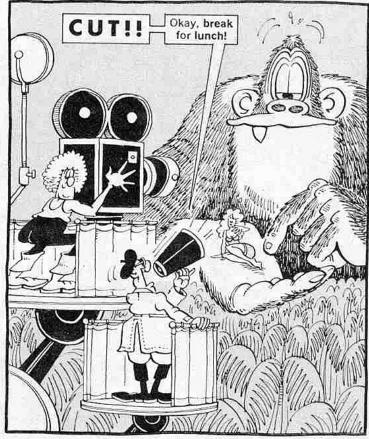
base final grades on pure whim. 6877—ODDBALL TESTTUBES ..26¢ ea.

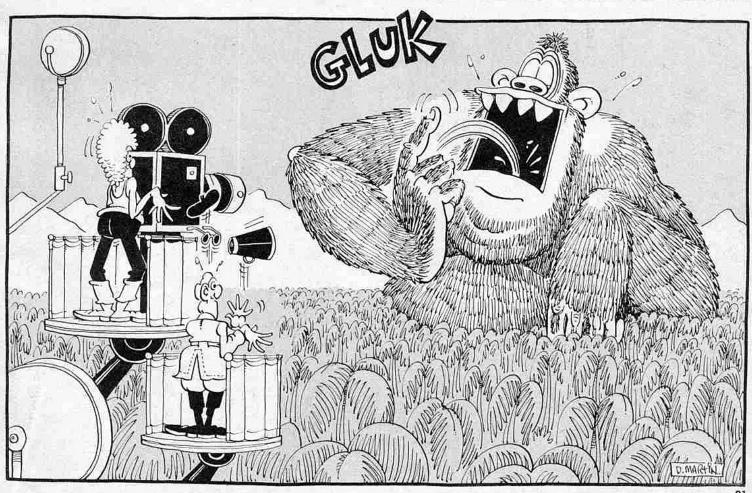


11519—G.A.F. (GOOD AND FUZZY) BRAND PROJECTOR \$79.75 DON MARTIN DEPT. PART II

AROUND NOON ON A MOVIE SET







MINORITY RETORT DEPT.

Most young people look forward to the time when they'll be grown up and their parents will stop showering them with the same old trite words of caution, instruction and advice that they've heard almost every day of their lives. Well, forget it! Chances are that when you reach forty, Mom and Dad will still be counseling you to drive slower, dress warmer, and

KIDS/FRESH MEN PARENTS/TIRED

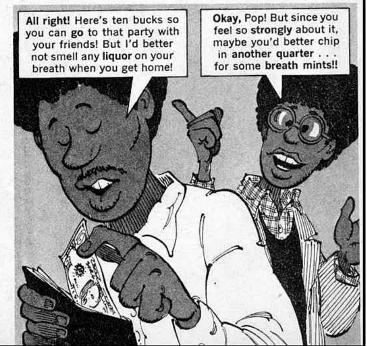
Or "What To Tell Your Parents When They Tell You N





ARTIST: PAUL COKER, JR.



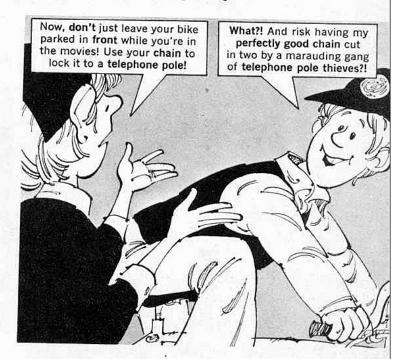


stop hanging out with the wrong crowd. However, there is a way to escape those well-meant parental clichés you've heard a thousand times. The trick is to make your folks realize that their words of "wisdom" are unnecessary, meaningless and downright silly. And to put your point across so you won't get clobbered, MAD furnishes you with tactful examples of

V COMEBACKS TO OLD COMMENTS

ot To Do Something You Weren't Going To Do Anyway''





WRITER: TOM KOCH









Really? I never dreamed

there was a shortage of

slimy, overcooked broccoli

anywhere in the world!!





JOKE AND DAGGER DEPT.





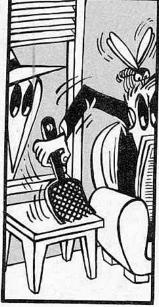


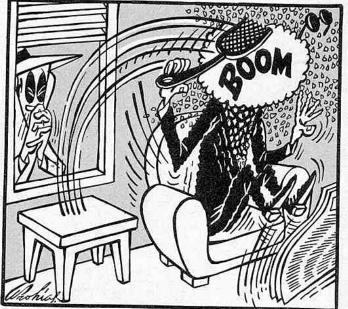






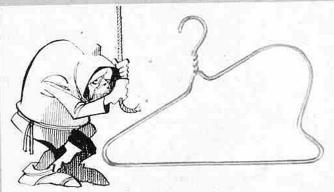




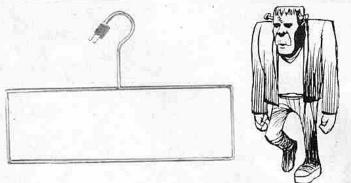


BENT OFFERINGS DEPT.

SOME LEGENDA!

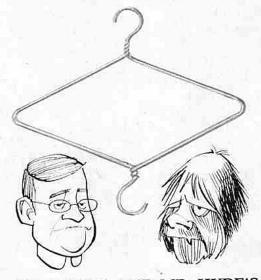


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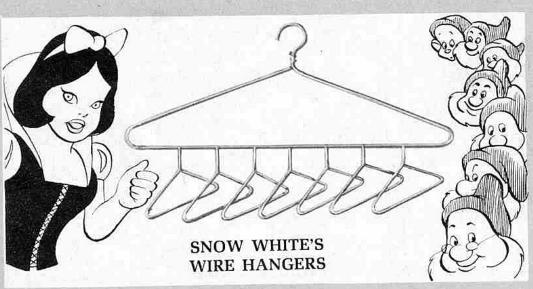
THE FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER'S WIRE HANGER





DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE'S WIRE HANGER



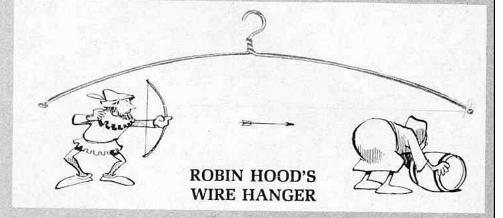


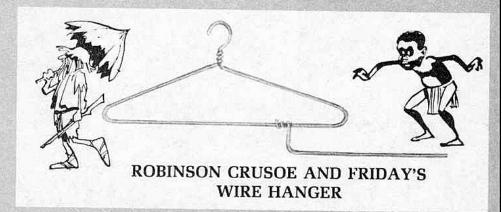


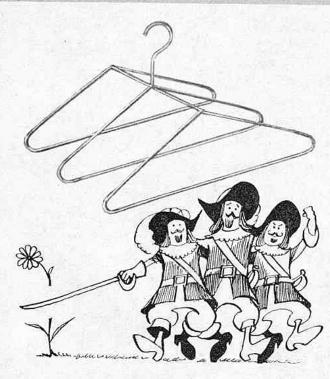
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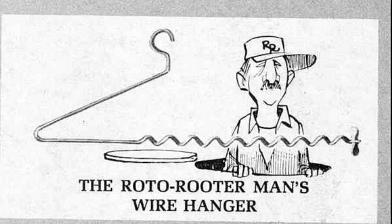
TOULOUSE-LAUTREC'S WIRE HANGER







THE THREE MUSKETEER'S WIRE HANGER





Let's see . . . I do believe I have everything ready to cook up a storm . . .

I don't think so! To make a beef shish kebob properly, you have to place onion slices . . . There will be no kibitzing of the chef! Here . . . I'M the chief cook and bottle washer!

But . . .

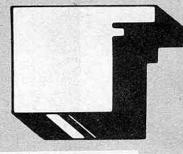






BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF..





Harold! It's the Volunteer Fire Brigade! They need you quick! Schmotta's Clothing Store is on fire! Hurry!!



I'm so glad you're a Volunteer Fireman!

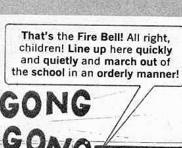


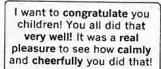
Why? Are you proud of me . . . the way I want to help people?

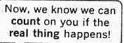
No, it's just that I'm the first to know when there's going to be a FIRE SALE!

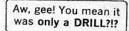
















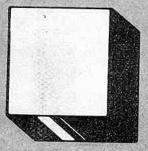


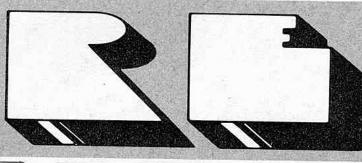
That's a small

banquet! What are

we celebrating?







ARTIST & WRITER: DAVID BERG

Oh, goody! We're having a barbecue! What's the menu?



We're starting with a Greek salad! Then . . . we're having Hungarian goulash garnished with Bermuda onions, Italian lasagna, Chinese stir-fried vegetables and hot French bread with Swiss cheese . . .



... all cooked on a Japanese habachi!



What else?!? American Independence Day!!















SELLER BEWARE DEPT.

ACME APPLIANCE CO



Whenever you purchase an appliance, you're always asked to fill out a "Warranty Card"! Believe us, the only thing that card guarantees is that the manufacturer will get a lot of free information about you so he can plot his next campaign to sucker you into buying another of his appliances. Here are the kinds of questions he'll ask you to answer:

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ESTABLISHMENT ANGUISH DEPT.

When Radicals first climbed up on their soap boxes in our Grandparents' day to denounce "The System," they ranted mostly against Big Banks and Heartless Corporations that tromped on Impoverished Working People. By the Hippie Era, of the '60's, orators had broadened their definition of "The System" to embrace the Federal Government, the Local Police, the California Lettuce Growers and anybody else who wore shoes. By then, the victims included not only Impoverished Working People, but also impoverished people who wouldn't dream of working. Today, we are beginning to

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YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... banks only give free TV sets to people who open \$10,000 Savings Accounts . . . which automatically excludes people who could really use free TV sets.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



. there's seldom an opportunity to vote for an honest politician in the general elections because so few of them can raise enough campaign money to win in the primaries.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... the only thing going up faster than the price of gasoline is the national crime rate, which means that when you have to start riding a bicycle to work, it will immediately be stolen.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... appliance warranties never go into effect until you sign a card stating that everything that's likely to go wrong will be your fault.

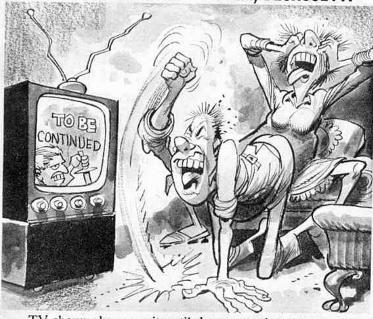
realize that "The System" has become even bigger and more ominous than we were previously told. Today, it includes every computer-crazed clerk, every pompous planner, every bungling bureaucrat, every managerial misfit and every inflexible imbecile whose crackpot concepts are waiting to

snare us all in a web of cockeyed conformity. In short, "The System" has grown from a Left-Winger's Pet Peeve to a Man-Eating Monster. But no matter how much it may have changed over the years, there's only one comment you can make about it that's as true today as it was then, namely

THE SYSTEM

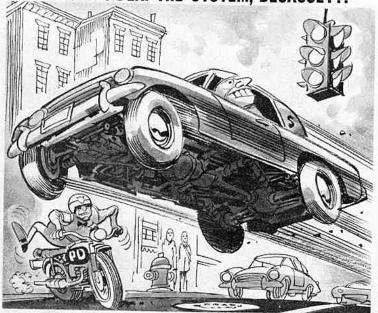
WRITER: TOM KOCH

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



. . . TV shows always wait until the very end to announce that you've been watching the first half of a two-part program, just so they can trap you into wasting another whole hour next week.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



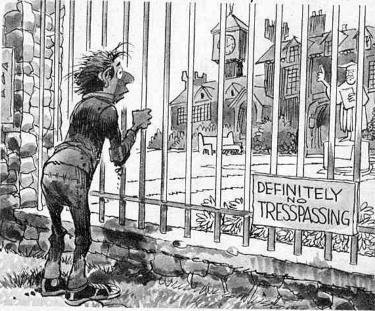
. . . traffic signals are always timed so you'll be stopped by every red light, unles you drive fast enough so you'll be stopped by the fuzz instead.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... most innoculations discovered by medical science to protect you against deadly disease have side effects that kill you even faster.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE.



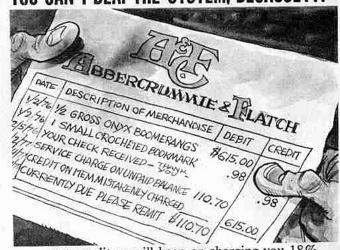
... you need a diploma from an Ivy League college to assure yourself of big money after you graduate, but to afford Ivy League tuition, you need big money before you matriculate.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... Child Labor Laws prevent your kids from going to work and contributing to the family income until they're old enough to leave home and continue not contributing to the family income.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... your creditors will keep on charging you 18% interest on the money you don't really owe, while you're trying to prove that you don't even owe it.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... waiting for department stores to have sales merely assures you of a wide selection of all that atrocious junk that they couldn't get rid of at regular prices.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE . . .



... there's no way to land a job without having previous experience... which you can only get by holding a job ... which you can't land unless you have previous experience.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... bureaucrats always make you file a complaint form to report that they've misplaced one of your other forms, ... and then they promptly misplace your complaint form.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... anyone who's sick enough to need a prescription drug is obviously in no condition to figure out how to open one of those "child-proof" medicine bottles.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... it's only your questionable word against the phone company's infallible computer when you claim you didn't make 5 calls to the recorded voice in Perth, Australia, that gives the correct time.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE.



... the only time you're allowed to park your car within walking distance of most stores is when they're closed.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE.



... saving money by patronizing a self-service gas station means that nobody ever checks your radiator, which means you're sure to burn up your engine, which means you really aren't saving money.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... it's impossible to survive a hospital's endless admitting procedure unless you have the wisdom to check in before you get sick.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE..



... all cars are carefully designed to make it impossible for a mechanic to repair one part without breaking at least two others.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE.



... camping out all night to be the first in line for tickets to a David Bowie concert only means you'll probably be mugged and robbed of your ticket money before the box office opens.

THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEPT.

TEN LITTLE BUSINESSMEN

Each one in his glory,
Sold their wares in stores like these
Until...well, here's their story—

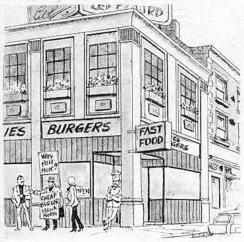
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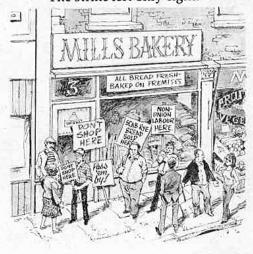
IDEA: CHARLES M. De FUCCIO



Ten Little Businessmen, Making out just fine; One clashed with a fast food chain; The crunch left only nine.



Nine Little Businessmen, Pondering their fate; One defied a labor boss; The strike left only eight.



Eight Little Businessmen, With no hope in Heaven; One received a raise in rent; The squeeze left only seven.



Four Little Businessmen, Watching crime run free; One had his insurance dropped; The shock left only three.



Three Little Businessmen, Praying they'll pull through; One was stormed by looting mobs; The loss left only two.



Two Little Businessmen, Bankrupt and undone; One employed "Tyrone the Torch;" The blaze left only one.

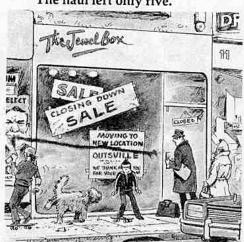




Seven Little Businessmen, In a dreadful fix; One "protection" wouldn't pay; The hit left only six.



Six Little Businessmen, Only half alive; One was burgled in the night; The haul left only five.



Five Little Businessmen, In a losing war; One laughed off a junkie's threat; The shot left only four.

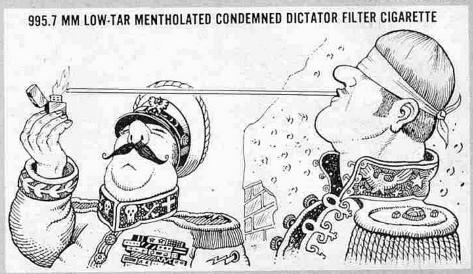


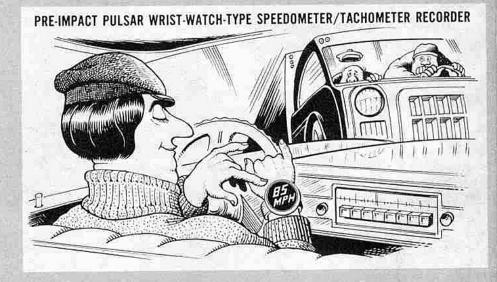


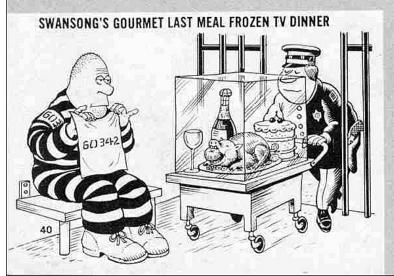
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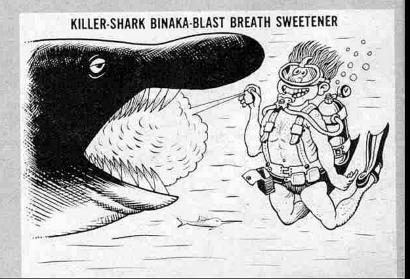
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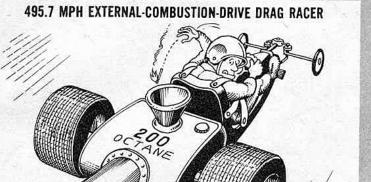






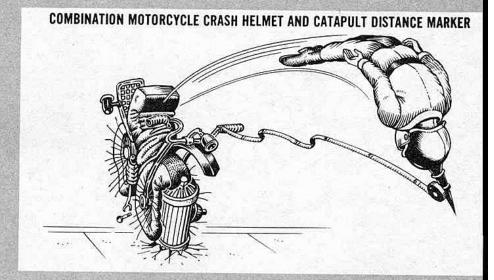
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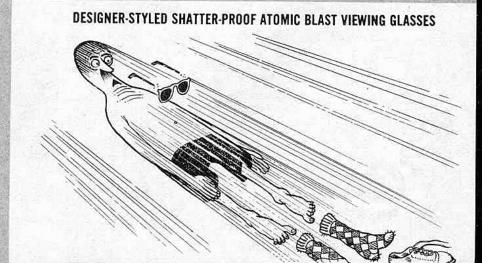
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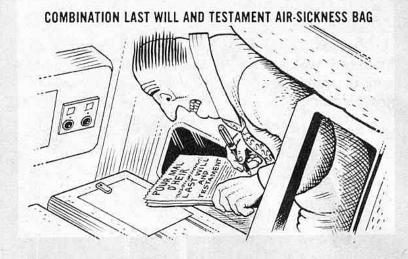


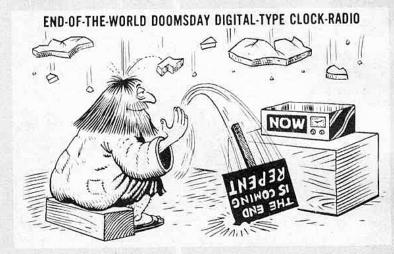


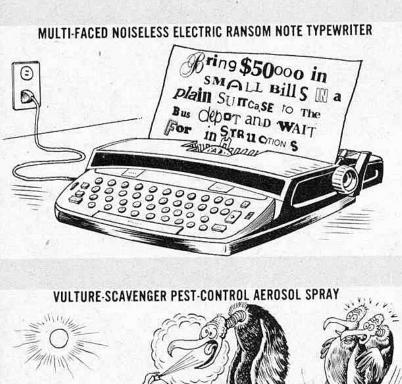


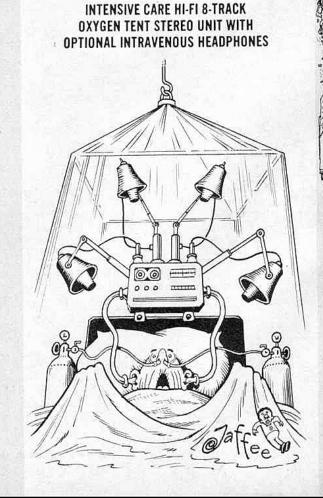












COUNTER-SCHLOCKWISE DEPT.

A few years ago, there was an Academy Award-winning movie about a woman whose husband was killed in an accident, leaving her with no money and a 12-year-old son to raise. Then some bright TV Network executive thought this would make a great premise for a weekly comedy series. The result? Well, all we can say is:













I'll blast

What? You gotta be kiddin'! You can't shoot a child on TV! Maybe over on the "Number One Network"... but

Don't be too sure, Honey!
If the producers think a
poor widow trying to bring
up a kid is funny, they're
liable to think a widow
havin' her kid wasted is
downright hi-larious!!

This is the Police! We have you surrounded! Come out with your hands up!!

Hey! They're sending out the kid!

What do they want . . . a getaway car??

No, they're hungry, and they want you to send But Smel's is a restaurant!

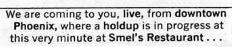
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That's why!! They ate there before!









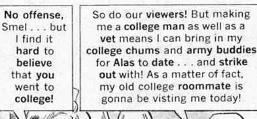


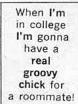












That's a keen idea, Tum! Then you can always have fresh EGGS for breakfast!









Smel . . . this gorgeous hunk of man ain't nothin' like you! He can flick mah Bic anytime he wants to!

Rocky, meet the girls! The one with the big mouth is Flu—

She's Vermin-

An' she's Alas!

Hi! I'm a widow with a charming, frecklefaced son! Tum! Say something

charming!

Hi! My Mom has a great body, and she doesn't have a date tonight!

She does now!

Boy . . . can you imagine what would happen in real life if a kid talked the way I do?!













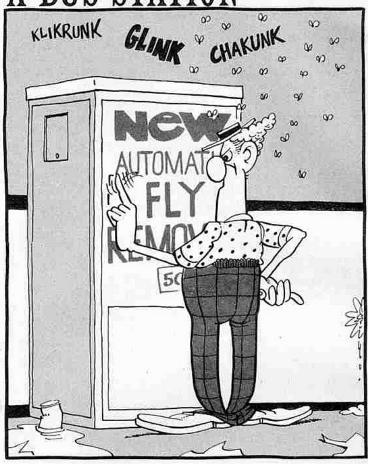




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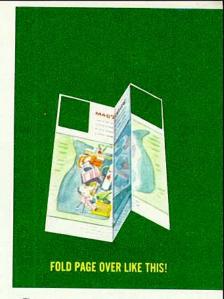


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HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

For many years, the Russians and Japanese have been competing in one enterprise that threatens the world with total annihilation. To find out what this horrendous venture is, fold in page.



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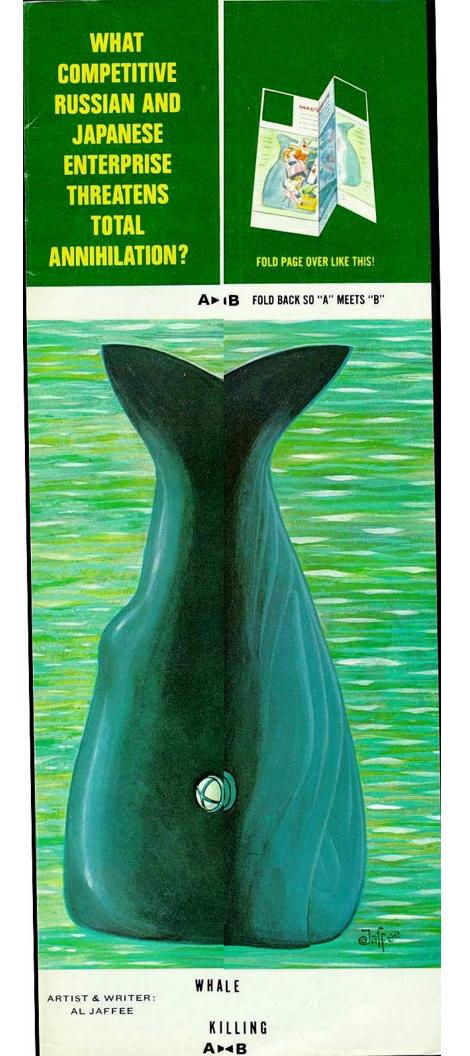
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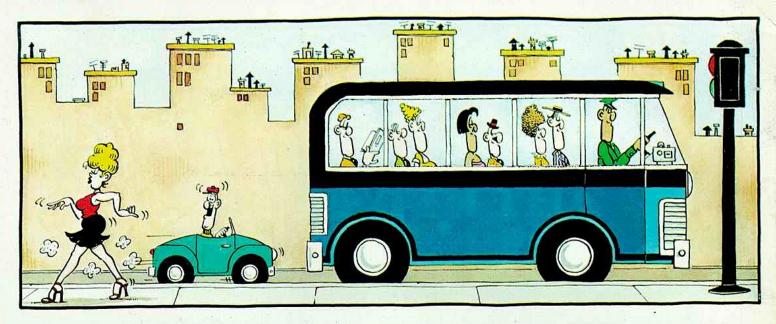
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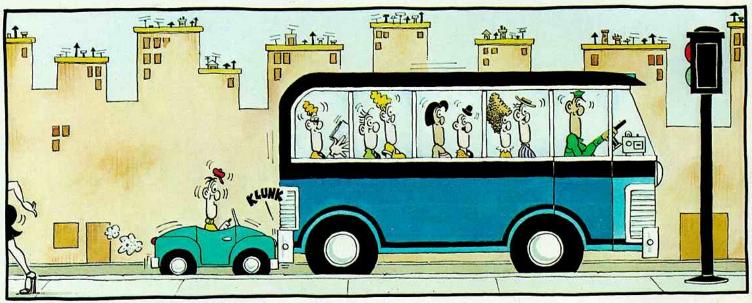
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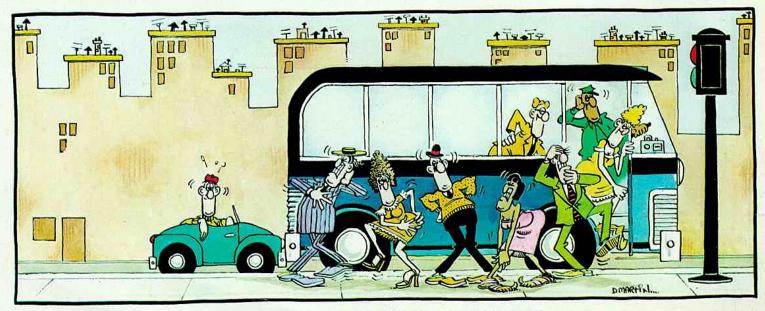
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ONE EVENING IN THE CITY







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